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LAY NEW TRACK TO ACCOMMODATE SOVIET TRAINS;
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RADAR-EQUIPPED DEFENSE LINE REPORTED -- Nicosia, Halkin Sesi [Nationalist], 26 Jan 51

Ankara -- Ferryboat installations have been constructed on the Danube to accommodate transport vehicles moving from Giurgiu, on the Rumanian side, south to Ruse in Bulgaria. As an extension of this line, a new railroad track has been laid in Bulgaria parallel to the standard-gauge tracks between Ruse, Razgrad, Kolarovgrad, and Stalin to adapt them to Soviet trains. Thus, Soviet trains from the north will be able to use them.

According to other reports, a defense line equipped with radar apparatus has been established parallel to the Yugoslav border between Menlik Dzhuma (Blagoevgrad), Kyustendil, and Sofia. It is reported that the same situation probably exists along the Turkish border, but it has been impossible to obtain details, since no immigrants have arrived from these areas.

CONSTRUCT NEW RAILROAD TUNNEL -- Sofia, Izgrev, 13 Feb 51

The Anton railroad construction team, which is engaged in constructing the Kosnitsa (Pirdop Okoliya) railroad tunnel, has been awarded the Red Banner of the Ministry of Transportation and 500,000 leva in cash. To celebrate the event, the workers pledged to open the tunnel ahead of schedule, before 1 July 1951.

PLEDGE TO COMPLETE BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION -- Sofia, Trud, 12 Feb 51

The personnel of the Inzhstroy Construction Association have pledged to complete the construction of the reinforced-concrete bridges across the Slatina and Vlada rivers in Berkovitsa and Sofia Okoliya, respectively, before the end of 1951.

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